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NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

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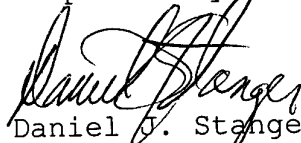
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, the Applicants inform the Examiner of the documents cited during prosecution of the parent application, USSN 09/606,050.

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